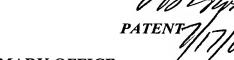
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) A photonic device comprising a semiconductor element as defined

in claim 1.

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